

**REQUEST FOR A RULING AS TO THE RELATIVE PRIORITY TO BE
ACCORDED TO THE NAMES "CHEIRODON AXELRODI" SCHULTZ,
1956, AND "HYPHESOBRYCON CARDINALIS" MYERS AND
WEITZMAN, 1956 (CLASS PISCES)**

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I shall be grateful if the International Commission will give a ruling on the question of which of two recently published names should be applied to a newly described Characin. I should explain that what is apparently the same species has been described by Dr. L. P. Schultz as *Cheirodon axelrodi* in the April 1956 number of the *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* (pages 41/43) and, we understand, by George S. Myers and S. A. Weitzman as *Hyphessobrycon cardinalis* in No. 1 of Vol. 7 of the *Stanford Ichthyological Bulletin*. The same fish had been described in the February 1956 issue of *The Aquarium* by W. T. Innes, where it was stated that the fish had still to be classified, and it was given the popular name of "Cardinal Tetra" pending the publication of a scientific name for it.

The issue of the *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* for April 1956 is dated on the first page (page 3) "February 20, 1956", while the issue of the *Stanford Ichthyological Bulletin* referred to above is, we believe, dated "February 21, 1956". It is impossible without a ruling from the Commission to determine which of the two names previously mentioned should take priority over the other since the Commission alone is in a position to obtain the relevant information.

This fish is likely to become widely used by aquarists, and it is important therefore that the scientific name to be used for it should be determined without delay. I accordingly ask the International Commission to look into this matter, and to give a ruling on it as soon as possible.